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Dear Colleagues,

There are three areas of important news to share with you today:

- First, our South City Campus expansion with the Digital Design and Communication Technology Center has been made not only the Regents' top priority for capital development projects, but this week, prioritized at the state building board's ranking as third among all state projects and first among higher ed projects! Our final hurdle to clear is during the legislative session with the capital appropriations committee. This is wonderful news for our college!
- Secondly, we have completed the three year strategic planning cycle that began with our community/college-wide strategic planning day in November 2005. In celebration of this, and as we plan for our next three years, I invite you to save the date and join us this November 6 from 1:00-4:30 pm in the Oak Room. During the afternoon session, you will have the chance to use the input gathered from our community leaders that morning to create strategic goals and set pathways for the informed budget process and college prioritizing as we move forward.
- Third, congratulations to the participants of this year's President's Leadership Institute! They are:
  - Bill Bradford
  - Craig Caldwell
  - Janet Felker
  - Ana Fillingim
  - Clara Hansen
  - Kimberly Henrie
  - Jack Hesleph
  - Ryan Hobbs
  - Merlin Hodobo
  - Alison McFarlane
  - John Morgan
  - Lisa Peshell

- Nancy Sanchez
- Cheryl Shurtleff
- Julie Smith
- Cori Swisher
- Rochelle Thomas
- Dan Trujillo
- Gilbert Ulibarri

These colleagues will be meeting one day per month to explore and share the various aspects of leadership within our college as they prepare themselves for advancement. Thank you to all who applied. As in past years, if you were not included in this year's group, you will be given top priority for next year. Great effort was taken to create a very diverse institute so that we may all learn from each other.

I do hope your week-end is filled with time outside to enjoy the beautiful weather being promised.

Most Sincerely,

*President Bioteau*